

Essex Beekeepers' Association

Chelmsford Division



Divisional Apiary Guidelines

The Chelmsford Divisional Apiary has been established as a training resource, both in respect of direct teaching and in providing new beekeepers an environment in which to gain experience.

A core of two permanent colonies exists as a primary teaching resource, with capacity for ten additional colonies.

All Colonies

1. All apiary hive owners must have a **current membership** with the Chelmsford division – membership lapses will result in an immediate request for the removal of colonies
2. Available spaces are allocated preferentially to new beekeepers
3. Colony tenure lasts until October of the year following placement, other than by separate agreement
4. No more than 2 over-wintered colonies per beekeeper
5. No current year captured swarms are permitted within the apiary
6. All colonies within the apiary may be used for the purposes of training or demonstration
7. CBKA Committee reserve the right to inspect colonies if there is any doubt about disease status
8. Apiary users are required to carry provided identification when on site
9. An apiary fee of £10 is applied to each colony (payable to the Divisional Treasurer)

Established Beekeepers

- Spaces in the apiary may be available if no new beekeepers wish to take advantage of the vacancy
- Established colonies must have been free of disease for 5 years - beekeepers who have had EFB/AFB in their colonies in the last 5 years will not be allowed to keep bees on the divisional apiary

General

- Divisional volunteers will monitor the apiary and provide help to new beekeepers on a rota basis
- Vehicular access is generally available 07:30 – 19:30 seven days a week (bank holidays may vary) – Additional access by arrangement
- Dogs are not permitted within the College site